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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Gary F Paumen	Art Unit 2833

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 13-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 211, 212. Reference numerals are also missing in Figures 3-12. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claims 1-19 are objected to because of the following informalities: they contain many instances of confusing language. For instance, the meaning of "uniform standard design", "standard design", "modular design", "the requirements of the products", "error proof" is unclear. Also, the claims are replete with instances of terms not having proper antecedent basis (e.g. claim 1, "said solder pin and flange", claim 2, "the hollow portion", claim 3, "the dented slots" and "the resilient fold piece"). Each of the claims must be reviewed for conformance to U.S. standards of grammar and terminology. Appropriate correction is required.

The entire specification and abstract must also be reviewed for the same type of informalities as found in the claims.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeh 6113428 in view of Moriwake et al 6688915 and Korsunsky et al 6709286.

Yeh discloses insulated housing 1,2, metallic housing 6, and contact terminal unit 31 being inserted into guide slots of the insulated housing from the rear. Not disclosed, however, are 1) the metallic housing having a) a solder pin of the horizontal and vertical types, and b) a flange with a lock hole; and 2) the contact terminal unit being of the horizontal type. Moriwake et al discloses metallic housing as having (unnumbered) both horizontal and vertical solder pins, and a flange 260 with a lock hole. It thus would have been obvious to provide the metallic housing of Yeh with horizontal and vertical solder pins, and a flange with a lock hole, to facilitate securing the metallic housing to the substrate and to a ground panel. Korsunsky et al discloses contact terminal units 121 and 131 of the horizontal type, and to form the contact terminal unit of Yeh in this way thus would have been obvious, to facilitate soldering to the substrate.

Claims 2-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the prior art of record, particularly the applied art, discloses or teaches

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shielded connector whose insulated housing has guide slots on both top and bottom sides of a projecting flat terminal block, the guide slots being fed through the main body of the housing to a hollow portion at the rear part of the main body.

The other references cited on Form 892 disclose similar shielded connectors and terminal units.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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